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**How important is the literature review and (differentiating between various types of journals) assessing prior research, theorists, and current instructional strategies.**

Literature review is one of the most important parts of an action research. It is the way of supporting your argument and show evidence to the other side of the debate. When you have the chance to see what others have done, it gives you a better understanding of what you are researching. The literature review is also important because it gives you the opportunity to read, evaluate, analyze, and summarize valuable information previously done by other researchers.

While doing a literature review, it is very important to be aware of what’s been done related to the topic at the early date possible. Earlier studies give us the opportunity to decide what is relevant or not to the topic. Also, being knowledgeable of what methodologies have been used is useful because this can help make the decision of what methodology to apply to your own research.

In this class, I am looking forward to be able to differentiate between the different types of journals, such as blind referee, peer review, and trade magazines. According to the University of Texas at Austin “the peer review process is intended to maintain academic rigor and relevance in scholarly journals. The peer review process begins when an author composes an article on a subject within her field. After composing the article and selecting a place for publication, the author sends the article to an editor for review. The editor sends the work to two or three scholars, who review the accuracy and importance of the work.” Also, according to the University of North Florida "the blind review process requires the removal of the author's name from a manuscript, so the work is judged without the influence of his reputations or previous works. In some cases, a double blind process is used: the author does not know who is reviewing her work and the reviewers do not know whose work they are reviewing.”

Being able to evaluate, analyze and synthesize all the different types of journals will enable me to gain a better understanding of the topic being research and a deeper understanding of what need to be done. Assessing prior research, theorists, and current instructional strategies are basic components found in a literature review. Each of these components works coherently with each other in order to obtain an excellent end result.

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